



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on February 12, 2014, at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Steven Pound; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; William Beardsley; and Kristin Bishop.

Excused: Chair, Nancy Perkins; Nichi Farnham; and Ande Smith

Also present were: Acting Commissioner Jim Rier; Anita Bernhardt, Coordinator for Standards and Instruction; Alyssa Wardwell; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Vice Chair Peter Geiger called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by Vice Chair, Peter Geiger: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the January 15, 2014 minutes as written.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

COMPOSITION OF THE REVIEW TEAM TO ASSESS THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR THE HUSSON UNIVERSITY EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and voted five in favor with one member abstained (William Beardsley) to approve the Consent Agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

REQUEST FROM UNIVERSITY OF MAINE PRESQUE ISLE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE INTERIM REPORT ON ITS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM FROM THE 2012 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ITS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM THROUGH 2015

**BACKGROUND:** In 2010 the State Board of Education extended approval of the University of Maine Presque Isle's Educator Preparation Program from 2010 through 2012. In the Winter of 2012 the University of Maine Presque Isle Educator Preparation Program was reviewed and a

report from the review team was submitted to the Board with recommendations for improvement. The Board required UMPI to provide the Maine DOE with an interim report in January 2014 and asked UMPI to describe the steps taken to address the recommendations identified by the 2012 review team.

The University of Maine Presque Isle delivered an interim report to the Maine DOE describing the actions that UMPI has taken to implement the recommendations described in the 2012 review. The Maine DOE received and reviewed the UMPI report. The report focuses on the implementation of the review team's recommendations concerning the explicit links to *Maine's Ten Initial Certification Standards* and the identification of assessments and data tools to measure candidate progress toward the standards and analyze data for program improvement. It is the opinion of Dr. Katherine Yardley, the 2012 Review Team Chair, and the Maine DOE that The University of Maine Presque Isle has made significant progress since 2012. The conceptual framework is clear and cites a variety of sources, Censeo is being implemented, and an assessment system has been developed. Faculty are now collecting and analyzing their data for program improvement.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education accept the interim report from the University of Maine Presque Isle as evidence of implementation of the recommendations described in the 2012 review team report and that the Board grant program approval for the University of Maine Presque Isle's Educator Preparation Program through Winter 2015.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the interim report from the University of Maine Presque Isle as evidence of implementation of the recommendations described in the 2012 review team report and that the Board grant program approval for the University of Maine Presque Isle's Educator Preparation Program through Winter 2015.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### ***Construction Committee***

The Construction Committee did not meet in February. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2014.

### ***Certification and Higher Education***

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, January 27, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham by phone (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Department of Education; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate. Also present were: Andrew McAuliff, RSU#54/Maine School Management; Dr. William Nichols, Dean, University of Maine; Nancy Ibarguen, Consultant at DOE; and Kristie Littlefield, Social Studies Content Specialist, DOE.

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**Approval of Minutes:** There were no minutes for approval as the Certification and Higher Education Committee did not meet in December of 2013.

Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator, informed the committee that the Educational Testing Service (ETS) has chosen to discontinue the Praxis II content knowledge test used for the physical science endorsement that is not going to be used moving forward. We are now faced with some decisions as to where to go with this situation.

The Higher Education Specialist position has not been filled.

Kristie Littlefield gave an overview on how financial literacy is covered in Maine schools. She talked about LD 843 “An Act to Promote the Financial Literacy of High School Students”. Kristie gave the committee a list of financial literacy resources:

The Committee had a conversation with the Department of Education regarding Chapter 118 “Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems”. The discussion on Chapter 118 will be continued.

The Committee developed questions regarding teacher preparation programs for an upcoming meeting on February 24, 2014 with Higher Education Deans and Directors.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

### ***Career and Technical Education***

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on February 11, 2014. In attendance were Steve Pound, Peter Geiger, Kristin Bishop, Meg Harvey, and Shawn Lagasse.

We had a report out this morning that addressed the teacher effectiveness model and proficiency based. They will be getting 5% more in Perkins funding this year. The business industry person is looking at the staffing position for the future and summer institute for CTE regarding crosswalks in curriculum. Shawn Lagasse gave a report regarding OSHA training that is taking place that will help the needs of business and more credentials to people graduating from CTE Centers.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2014. The meeting will be in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

### **BUDGET:**

Steve distributed the Board’s budget. The “all other” allotment has approximately 18,000.00 remaining. The “personal services” allotment with per diems is on schedule. Steve reminded Board members to submit their expense account vouchers to Mary.

### **OFFICER’S REPORTS:**

#### **Vice Chair, Peter Geiger**

- On January 22, he met with Kate Foster, president and Kathy Yardley, Dean of Education at the University of Maine Farmington. He toured the campus and chatted about education.
- On January 23, he testified before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee regarding LD 1591 “An Act to Amend the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between School Administrative Units”. The Committee did not have any questions.
- Acting Commissioner Rier visited Longley and Montello Elementary Schools on January 23. Both have benefited from SIG Grants. It was a great opportunity to observe teachers engaged in planning education curriculum.
- On January 27, he and Nancy had a discussion with Sue Reed and Jaci Holmes from the Department of Education regarding Early Childhood Education.
- On January 29, he testified before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee with Nancy, Martha and Steve regarding the State Board’s Government Evaluation Act Report.
- On February 10, he attended a Lewiston School Board meeting held at Martel Elementary School. They are number eight on the list for school construction. Sixth grade students gave a presentation on an event from the beginning of the school year.

They take the sixth graders to Bryant Pond for an overnight of bonding time. They have very little or no disciplinary problems throughout the year.

- On February 11, he attended a Career and Technical Education Committee meeting.
- Also on February 11, he spoke at Oak Hill Middle School's Young Writers' Club, as the editor of the Farmer's Almanac. They discussed how to publish a newsletter. The kids were very engaged and it was great fun.
- On February 13, he will be attending the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce meeting. Nick Donahue, President of the Nellie Mae Foundation will be speaking.
- The Maine Teacher of the Year 2015 program was launched on February 1. The idea this year is to have County Teachers of the Year and a Maine Teacher of the Year drawing from the 16 counties. Educate Maine is coordinating the program, the State Board of Education still has a responsibility as it is one of the Board's programs.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

#### **William Beardsley:**

- On January 27, he attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.
- He is following up on Smarter Balanced Education. He has been visiting Superintendents and Guidance Counselors in rural Maine.
- He has been reading up on Next Generation Science Standards.

#### **Alyssa Wardwell:**

- On February 20, she is going to be competing in a game show on television (WPME in Portland). She and her cousin are partners and do not know if they have made it to the final round.
- She was confirmed today by the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.
- She was recognized as one of the best high school soccer players in the State of Maine.
- She is writing a sociology paper on early childhood education and she will share it with the Board once it is complete.

#### **Kristin Bishop: (written report)**

- She took part in her school district's health policy revision process and gained valuable insight on the operations and procedures that surround school health policy.
- For the remainder of the school year, every other week, Kristin will be going to her local middle school and working with a group of 5th graders to teach them leadership skills, public speaking skills, group dynamics, and advocacy skills around anti-bullying. The youth will be trained by Kristin using the anti-bullying project she created and implemented at the elementary school level last year and will provide a mentorship opportunity between her and the middle school youth. At the end of the school year, Kristin and the middle school youth will go to the elementary school where they will practice the leadership and advocacy skills they learned from the program by teaching younger students the importance of anti-bullying and positive conflict resolution strategy. It is her hope that this program will foster a district-wide mentorship program that will continue on after she graduates where high schoolers can teach middle school youth positive leadership and conflict resolution strategies, and have those middle schoolers in turn teach elementary youth.
- Her senior advisors have arranged for local individuals with expertise in a particular profession to speak to the senior class monthly. The events will be called senior seminar and take place during a common 40 minute period for the entire senior class. The event will allow her and her peers to gain valuable insight on opportunities and information surrounding community professions.
- Kristin's Career and Technical Education (CTE) survey/project will be prepared for the next board meeting.

**Steven Pound:**

- On January 23 to 25, he attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Southern Regional Conference on Common Core State Standards and he attended the NASBE Board of Directors meeting.
- On January 29, the Government Evaluation Report was presented to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. He reported on the Career and Technical Education portion.
- He attended the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting on February 11.
- On January 17, he attended the Aging Summit by House Leader Eaves. He sat on a panel for Higher Education and Business. It was dealing with the aging workforce.
- He serves on the Maine Adult Education Association Board. They are talking about career pathways which ties into the Bridge Program.
- He attended a reception for the Associate Builders and Contractors Legislative Leadership Group. There were five people from the Education Committee in attendance. They are interested in what is taking place in the trades and construction industry.
- On January 22, he attended a Department of Labor and Veterans Affairs meeting looking at how their programs correspond to certifications in the future. Last year, in Northern New England, fifty percent of the people hired at Cianbro had some military connection.
- He spoke to the Bangor Region Leadership Institute regarding how higher education could work with businesses to develop MOUs to promote career development.
- He sits on the President's Advisory Committee for Eastern Maine Community College and on February 6, he heard from students on their culinary arts program.
- On February 10, he represented the construction industry and Cianbro in Washington, DC about hiring veterans. The first lady was in attendance and addressed a group of 300. She mentioned two companies and Cianbro was one of them.

**Heidi Sampson:**

- She has been attending Charter Commission meetings. She attended Charter School public hearings on February 3, 4, and 7.

**Martha Harris:**

- She attended the Student Engagement Study Group at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) on January 23 to 25.
- On January 29, she, along with Steve, Nancy and Peter presented the Board's Government Evaluation Act report to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. The Committee had a couple questions regarding Major Capital School Construction, so Martha went to Scott Brown for the answers and got right back to the Committee.
- On the local level, her district has an opening for a principal.

**Jana Lapoint:**

- She has been very busy with Charter School Commission work.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the February 12, 2014 State Board of Education meeting at 1:54 PM.